

Committee of Thirteen Report

November 8, 2011

The Committee of Thirteen of the Benton County Quorum Court met Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Quorum Court Room, County Administration Building, Third Floor, 215 East Central, Bentonville, Arkansas.

12 JPs Present: King, Winscott, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Hawkins, Jones, Sandlin, Douglas, Curry, Carr, Moore

1 Absent: Blaty

Others Present: County Judge Bob Clinard, County Attorney George Spence, County Clerk Tena O'Brien, Comptroller Richard McComas, Administrator of Public Safety Marshal Watson, Administrator of General Services Elizabeth Bowen,

Media: Tom Sissom - Daily Record

Chair Kurt Moore called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

JP Harrison made motion to suspend the rules and read all ordinances and resolutions by title only, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

1. Resolution Request: Rocky Branch VFD – Rural Community Development Grant Program

JP Allen stated that this resolution request is to allow the County Judge to apply for a grant on behalf of the Rocky Branch Volunteer Fire Department to purchase a propane emergency generator.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the resolution request to the November 17, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

2. Resolution Request: Setting 2011 Millage Rate for County Road and County General

JP Allen stated this is for the property tax levy ordinance to set the 2011 millage rate for Benton County.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the resolution ordinance request to the November 17, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

JP Moore noted that the millage rate is unchanged from the previous year.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

3. Discussion - 2011 Ordinance Levying 2011 Taxes for Collection 2012

County Clerk Tena O'Brien stated that the 2012 Tax Levy Ordinance cannot be adopted until roll back is calculated, and that she is waiting on one County Court case decision. She stated that the Springdale School District increased their millage by 2.9 mills, that the millage for all municipalities remained unchanged. She added that if there is not a 10 percent increase in any entity, this ordinance can be adopted as presented.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the ordinance request levying the 2011 taxes for collection in 2012, contingent upon any changes necessary to the November 17, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

4. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Emergency Services, Dept 30, Fund 010

JP Allen stated that this appropriation ordinance request is to appropriate \$30,000 for an analysis of the Emergency Medical Services in the unincorporated areas of Benton County.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the November 17, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Carr.

JP Moore stated that there is an agreement with certain entities that they will be paying half of this amount and that the financial exposure to the county will be \$15,000.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

5. Appropriation Ordinance Request: County Road, Dept. 44, Fund 020

JP Allen stated this appropriation ordinance request is for items that were budgeted in 2010, but the repairs were completed in 2011.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the November 17, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

6. Appropriation Ordinance Request: County Jail, Dept 67, Fund 010

JP Allen stated this appropriation ordinance request is to appropriate \$16,900 to replace a wrecked vehicle in for the County Jail.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the November 17, 2011 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Winscott.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

JP Winscott announced that the November Quorum Court date has been changed to November 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JP Allen announced that a Finance/Budget Committee meeting will be held Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion and second the meeting adjourned at 6:16p.m.